



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 10, 2003, the Board took the following action:

88-B

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Numerous incidents of threats or assault on code enforcement officers, while performing their duties, have been documented in Los Angeles County. These incidents range from mild verbal threats to severe threats of injury or death. A review of past environmental health activities revealed over 50 incidents of hostile interaction occurred prior to 1995, and just in the last two years, over 25 incidents were reported. In recent years, there have been isolated incidents that resulted in irate individuals killing three Food Safety Inspectors and an Environmental Health Specialists. Senate Bill 919 (Ortiz) adds and defines code enforcement officers and provides enhanced penalty if a person commits assault or battery against a code enforcement officer such as our County’s Environmental Health Specialists.

“This bill will provide the County’s Environmental Health Specialists with the same protection afforded other public employees, such as lifeguards, paramedics, animal control officers, process servers, and traffic officers. These threat conditions occur too frequently, placing Environmental Health Specialists at significant risk.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board went on record in support SB 919 (Ortiz), legislation which adds and defines code enforcement officers to the list of specified officers or other persons protected under the Penal Code, and provides expansion of the protection statute if a person commits assault or battery against a code enforcement officer such as the County's Environmental Health Specialists.

5061003-88-B

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
County Counsel

Letter sent to:

Senator Debra Ortiz